



WOODSTOCK, VIRGINIA

Wednesday June 15 1881

The striped ticket has made a big bid for Republican support. No anathemas are too bitter for the Mahoneites to hurl against the Democrats in that trap. Should the Democratic convention be silly enough to do so, they would put up a ticket that would be badly beaten and deservedly so. If the Democratic party should act from no higher motive than that of success, thousands who are now of the party would rejoice in its defeat. We want no mixture. We want a straight Democratic ticket which Democrats can enthusiastically support. The people are tired of mixed politics and will not vote a mixed ticket.

The repeal of the capitation tax qualification is sufficient to burst up the Mahone party. Won't be nice, when this qualification is repealed and the negroes of Eastern Virginia can control the State. The men that pay no taxes will have the power of saying how much tax the farmers of the Valley must pay. Place the government into the hands of the negroes, and the whites will have the burden to bear while the non-tax-paying negro can give himself up to glorious ease with the sweet contemplation that the "bottom rail is now on top."

Have you seen anyone in the Valley that is enthusiastic over the new ticket? Some may swallow it, but it will require a severe effort. Enthusiasm is out of place when the bare acceptance of the ticket is hardly more than possible.

Jno. F. Lewis was anxious to bury the Democratic party so deep that the hand of the resurrection would never reach it. He did not succeed. If he entertains the same sentiments towards the Mahone party, his chances of success are now very flattering.

If the Mahoneites thought they were getting the entire Republican vote when they got Jno. F. Lewis, they will find themselves mistaken. He may carry a few votes but not enough to save that party from a most disastrous defeat, and rout.

**An Example.**  
The remarkable fact is stated that the State of Missouri, at public bid, for a loan of \$15,000, placed her bonds, bearing three per cent. interest, for the amount stated. There were seven bids for the loan—two at 3 per cent., one at 3 1/2 per cent., one at 3 3/4 per cent. and one at 4 per cent. The Bank of Commerce of St. Louis was the successful bidder at 3 per cent. This fact is worth considering in Virginia. If the politicians, the mere agitators for political powers, would have the debt question alone, and the proper authorities authorized to issue a long three per cent. bond, it would be taken and the necessary means provided for redeeming the issues under the laws of 1871. The amount would be about \$15,000,000, bearing six per cent. interest—aggregating \$900,000 annually—thus saving \$450,000 annually in the interest charge, and placing the whole matter within reach of the resources, without adding one copper to the present tax charge. The State has the option of calling these bonds in after ten years from date of issue. We believe they bear date from January or July 1, 1871, and consequently they are redeemable certainly after the 1st of July next.

No State in the Union has better natural security for her obligations. The vast mineral deposits, heretofore non-productive and dead, now being rapidly developed—the immense capital they are commanding for their utilization—the important railroad schemes in process of construction and penetrating and opening up hitherto isolated sections of the State, rich in every element of natural wealth, and the industries which naturally must follow constitute a basis of credit which must in the near future place the Commonwealth on a high financial plane.

What more is wanted is for the people to understand that the constant agitation of the debt question, is causing distrust of the purpose of the State to meet her obligations. No national man, in the light of the improvements now going on and the development of material resources which are being daily made, can doubt the ability of the State to meet the demands of her debt and all other essential obligations. All the imaginary difficulties connected with the subject would disappear before a courageous determination to meet them. And this resolution once declared would attract attention and command confidence, and open up a future commensurate with the marvelous natural resources of the State.—Less of political agitation and more of practical business methods might, it is true, retire a few of the modern statesmen who have flourished of late years in the domain of sensation, but at the same time the people would be the gainers, the credit of the State advanced and the great interests of the Commonwealth subserved.—Valley Virginian.

**FATAL FAMILY QUARREL.**—Springfield, Mass., June 8.—Charles D. Kidd, thirty-five years old, a well known resident and traveling salesman for a Boston dry goods house, was murdered at ten o'clock last night by his half-brother, Dwight, age seventeen. Dwight became very angry two or three days ago because Charles said he was grossly careless of him to let him go to his father's house on the street, and the brothers have since had words about it. Last night Dwight called at Charles' house and asked if he was ready to go home, and tried to push him from the door, when the boy drew a pistol and shot Charles dead through the heart. The lad then ran away.

John F. Lewis, Chairman of the State Central Committee of the Republican party of Virginia, for Lieutenant Governor, for how many Democrats voted Hancock on the July ticket because they thought that was the strongest of the two Democratic tickets, are going to vote for Cameron, Lewis and Blair.—Wytheville Enterprise.

**The Conservative-Democratic State Convention.**

THE BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.—INFORMATION WANTED FROM SECRETARIES, SUPERINTENDENTS, &c.

ROOMS STATE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CONSERVATIVE-DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, RICHMOND, JUNE 8, '81.

The number of delegates and alternates to which each county and city is entitled is as follows:

Accomack, 12; Albemarle, 12; Alexandria, 12; Alleghany, 2; Amherst, 10; Appomattox, 4; Augusta, 12; Bath, 2; Bedford, 15; Bedford, 2; Botetourt, 8; Brunswick, 4; Buchanan, 1; Buckingham, 5; Campbell, 9; Caroline, 7; Carroll, 7; Charles City, 2; Charlotte, 4; Chesterfield, 6; Clarke, 6; Culpeper, 7; Cumberland, 3; Danville, 10; Davidson, 1; Dinwiddie, 3; Elizabeth City, 2; Essex, 4; Fairfax, 9; Fauquier, 13; Floyd, 5; Fluvanna, 3; Franklin, 12; Frederick, 11; Fredericksburg, 3; Giles, 4; Gloucester, 4; Goodland, 2; Grayson, 7; Greene, 4; Greenville, 2; Halifax, 11; Hanover, 7; Henrico, 6; Henry, 6; Highland, 3; Isle of Wight, 6; James City, 1; King and Queen, 3; King George, 3; King William, 3; Lancaster, 2; Lee, 6; Loudoun, 14; Louisa, 6; Lunenburg, 3; Lynchburg, 4; Madison, 6; Manchester, 3; Mathews, 4; Mecklenburg, 6; Middlesex, 3; Montgomery, 7; Nansemond, 6; Nelson, 8; New Kent, 2; Norfolk county, 8; Norfolk city, 10; Northampton, 4; North Danville, 1; Northumberland, 4; Nottingham, 2; Orange, 6; Page, 5; Patrick, 6; Petersburg, 4; Pittsylvania, 17; Portsmouth, 4; Powhatan, 2; Prince Edward, 4; Prince George, 2; Prince William, 6; Princess Anne, 4; Raleigh, 3; Richmond city, 27; Roanoke, 6; Rockbridge, 12; Rockingham, 18; Russell, 6; Scott, 4; Shenandoah, 14; Smyth, 4; Southampton, 3; Spotsylvania, 4; Stafford, 5; Staunton city, 4; Surry, 2; Sussex, 4; Tazewell, 7; Warren, 6; Warwick, 1; Washington, 11; Westmoreland, 3; Williamsburg city, 1; Winchester city, 3; Wise, 2; Wythe, 8; York, 2.

Secretaries of precinct, ward, or mass-meetings, and authorities of primary elections, will please send me as soon as practicable the names of delegates and alternates in their respective counties and cities to our State Convention, which is to be held in this city on Thursday, 4th day of August. The basis of representation in each city and county is one delegate and one alternate for every 200 voters and fraction of 200 exceeding 100 votes cast in each city and county for the two Hancock and English electoral tickets. All who supported Hancock and English on either ticket are invited to participate in the election of delegates, and are assured of a hearty welcome and an earnest pledge that we will in good faith co-operate with them all in striving to unite the Conservative-Democratic party to save the State from the Radical Republican party in the November election. Send me as soon as practicable the names and postoffice address of the nominees of the Conservative-Democratic party for the Senate and House of Delegates, or, in the absence of any nomination, such as are running on the Conservative-Democratic ticket, and also names of chairmen of county and city Conservative committees. The approaching election is replete with matters of vast moment to Virginia, and her true sons will rejoice in a triumphant victory for the Conservative Democracy. J. DELL BIGGERS, Secretary.

Conservative-Democratic papers will confer a favor by copying above.

**The President Against Reputation**

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore American says: Before leaving here last night to attend the meeting of the Republican State Executive Committee, which convenes this evening in Richmond, Va., Congress-elect Dezenford, of Norfolk, and Major Yost, of the Staunton Virginian, were interviewed. They had been several days feeling the Administration pulse with reference to the opinion of the proposed action of the straight-out Republicans in the State. Mr. Dezenford stated that the Readjuster ticket was by no means satisfactory to the Republicans of the State. He said that he had a high regard for ex-Secretary Levis, but thought that by going into the field as a candidate he made a mistake. With reference to the allegation that the President favored a coalition with the Readjusters, Mr. Dezenford said: "The President stated to me emphatically when I visited him at Mentor and on various occasions since his inauguration that he could not consent that his Administration should stain the fair record of Republicanism by favoring anything like reputation. But the President's idea is the same as my own and other Republicans—that the Republican party should avail itself of the 34,000 Readjuster votes in that State, and a Republican convention should have been held to determine the manner and conditions of acquiring them."

**READJUSTERS REPUDIATING THE TICKET.**—The Alexandria Gazette says: One of the most intelligent men in the Valley of Virginia in writing from Staunton to a friend in this city says: "Everything looks favorable for the democratic party in the State. A number of the delegates from this part of the country came back from Mahone convention denouncing the Mahoneites and saying they would not support the ticket. Lewis kills it in the Valley."

(Detroit Post and Tribune.)  
I have a little girl, and Mr. Henry Dole, of this city, in a conversation, who was troubled with a severe lameness in her legs, pronounced by some Erysipelas, by others Rheumatism. I had tried several remedies without effect when I was induced to apply St. Jacobs Oil and I am happy to say that the use of but one bottle cured her, and she is now able to go to school again.

Gen. B. F. Butler and Gen. Roger A. Pryor are about to form a law partnership.

**Address of State Executive Committee of the Conservative Party.**

To the County and City Chairmen of the Conservative-Democratic Party:

Gentlemen—The time has now arrived for preparation for the campaign of this fall.

The magnificent victory of 1880, largely due to the organization effected through your patriotic zeal, will be surpassed in November next if equal diligence and like devotion to your State shall mark your efforts.

Great as was the prize for which we then contended it is far surpassed by that which now bespeaks your assistance. Then we fought chiefly for better methods of administering the General Government; now our contest will be for the life of our civilization; for the transmission of established social order to our children; for the maintenance of the heritage of self-government which we rescued from the tempter of military rule, of congressional tyranny, and the corrupting taint of Federal bribery.

The burden of this duty, assumed by the conservative people of Virginia in 1869, they will never lay down while these great blessings need defence or suffer peril. Here, where they found their first exposition and their most fruitful victory, they will never want resolute and united defenders. Whenever and under whatever pretence, and with whatever "faithful allies," the effort is made to hybridize Virginia, the spirit of '69 will again animate her people, and they will sacrifice their differences to save their State. Least of all will they abandon this great duty at the demand of their leaders (so called) who, having vindicated their sagacity by the ridiculous bragging which preceded the last election, demonstrated their love for Virginia by spending in a hungry hunt for Federal offices all the time which has followed it.

The great party which saved Virginia in 1869 and in 1880 from political miscegenation, which has preserved our institutions, fostered every beneficent enterprise, introduced and accomplished every reform, secured to Virginia all that makes her a powerful and prosperous State to day, still possesses the strength and the wisdom to control her future, with proper effort will achieve this year an easy victory.

We therefore invite you to convene at once your committees and fill up their ranks with active citizens. Let calls be issued as speedily as possible for meetings to send delegates to the Convention of August 4th. Let all Conservative Democrats be invited to attend these meetings that the Convention may express the will of all the people. Let no delegate be chosen as a matter of compliment. Select those who represent the popular will, and who will regard it a duty to attend, in order that the full and free voice of Virginia may speak in the candidates and the platform of the Convention.

The time is auspicious for a final and honorable determination of the only question which has hitherto divided our party. The predictions of enormous reduction in value of the property of the State have proved as fallacious as the claims of strength made by those who would divide us. The real estate of the Commonwealth only shows a decline of 5 per cent., and this will be more than balanced by the advance in personality. Virginia is no pauper, standing with abject head amid free States and self-respecting people. She shares, and will fully share, the general prosperity of our country, and will in the future, as heretofore, share the higher privilege and the greater praise of doing her full duty, alike in days of gloom and days of promise.

A. M. KEILEY, Chairman Executive Committee.

**Confagration in Quebec.**

QUEBEC, QUE., June 9.—One of the most disastrous fires which this unfortunate city has been afflicted with commenced last night, and was only got under control at 6 o'clock this morning. The first alarm was from the corner of St. Oliver and St. Claire streets, at 10:50 o'clock. A few minutes later from Basilica, St. John's and Roch's churches rang out a second alarm, and the whole force of the fire brigade was soon upon the ground. The reflection of the flames was so brilliant that in a short time half the city appeared to be attracted to the scene, and by 11:12 o'clock all the avenues around and leading to the fire were so completely packed with people that it was next to impossible to force a way through them. The scene in the vicinity of the confagration was one of utter confusion. Half of those present seemed panic-stricken, and three fourths of the others only added to the confusion

by running against each other and really contributing to the destruction of property, while believing they were helping to save it. Parents partially clothed, hurried along in every direction with infants wrapped in bed clothing in their arms. Cows and horses let loose from burning stables rushed half maddened through the crowd, or stood dazed by the uproar and confusion surrounding them. The fire originated in a stable on St. Oliver street, near St. Mary street. The flames quickly spread to the surrounding wooden buildings, and to the street above and below. St. Oliver, Latourville, St. Marc and Richelieu streets were quickly a mass of fire for some hundred feet of each in extent, the flames from the other sides of the streets overlapping in the middle and completely closing them to all traffic. The scenes common to all great fires were readily discernible at this stable. Even the police and firemen were to a great extent demoralized. During robbery was carried on freely in full sight of everybody. Liquor stores and private dwellings attacked by the flames were ransacked for liquor, which was openly drunk by the low characters which infest the locality. The sparks, which everywhere flew from the burning wooden buildings, were themselves a terrible source of danger to the rest.

It was no uncommon sight to see men's coats and hats ablaze from the burning pieces of shingles which lit upon them. The fire brigade allege that four wooden houses were found on fire by them when they arrived upon the scene, and that with water absent and unattainable for some twenty minutes it was impossible for them to obtain the mastery. Nothing was saved of St. John's church but the sacred vessels and some of the most valuable of the plate and furniture of the sanctuary. The church was worth at least \$100,000, upon which the insurance amounts to only \$10,000. It is impossible to describe the spread of the flames on every side. Amongst the property destroyed on John street were a large number of handsome buildings used as stores and private residences. "A" battery was called out and rendered efficient aid in saving property and in keeping order. It is computed that there must be a loss of \$2,000,000 between the buildings, stock and furniture. Over 1,500 families are rendered homeless by the confagration. At least 800 buildings have been destroyed. The fire brigade and apparatus was quite unfit to cope with such a fire, and to its weakness and the wretched water service the whole disaster is due.

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To Joseph Smith, Esq., com. admr. of Lawrence, Pangloss, de'd, comit, and Robert Smith, Esq., admr. of Barbara's wife, Wm. H. Smith, and Wm. Kellar trustee for Barbara's wife, of Robert Smith's estate, and all others concerned.

Notice is hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 15th day of July next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 6 o'clock P. M., if fair, if not to take said estate, at my office, the accounts of Barbara Smith wife of Robert Smith, deceased, of Wm. Smith in 1870 upon which complete judgment is a lien, for stock, quality, actual and annual value.

2d. An account of the binding said real estate said unaffiliated including complete judgment, said unaffiliated according to their priorities.

3d. Any other matter deemed pertinent or that either party may require, required to be taken by the order of the Circuit Court of Shenandoah County, depending in said court between Lawrence Pangloss, de'd, and his heirs, and Robert Smith, comit, and all others concerned, or having an interest in the same, or to the taking of the same will be at the day, or place to place, until the same are taken and completed.

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